



H.CON.RES. 138 – SUPPORTING NATIONAL MEN’S HEALTH WEEK

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 138 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD) on May 1, 2007. The resolution was ordered to be reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on May 15, 2008 by voice vote.

H.Con.Res. 138 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 3, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 138 resolves, with the House of Representatives and Senate concurring, that Congress supports the annual National Men’s Health Week and requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Men’s Health Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

BACKGROUND

National Men’s Health Week is recognized June 9-15, 2008. The purpose of Men’s Health Week is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. National Men’s Health Week was established by Congress in 1994.

On average, the life expectancy of men is six years less than that of women. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the top ten leading causes of death in the United States affect men at a higher percentage than women.

[Link to the National Men’s Health Week Website.](#)

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